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Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
Commissioner Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Nanci Langley
Commissioner Mark Acton
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission, which is "Transformed by a Eucharistic lifestyle, the Sisters of Christian Charity are impelled to give and receive Christ's love, joy, peace and healing for the life of the world."

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will have the following impact on our mission and the people we serve. The 175 Sisters in the Eastern Province represent the very heart of a Sister's vocation – "to make visible the love of Christ in the world." With support from our direct mail donors, the Sisters educate young women in formation, develop future spiritual directors, provide support for recovering alcoholics, comfort the terminally ill, empower women to strengthen their families, give confidence to children struggling in school and offer guidance for parishes trying to create thriving faith communities.

Please do the right thing and reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

Casey Dolan
Associate Director of Mission Advancement